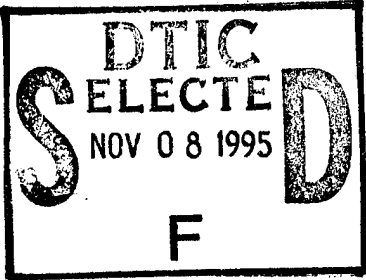


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Abstract

This paper discusses the development of a core set of technology demonstration tools to enhance and shorten the process of transitioning technology to products. The process is explained, along with associated issues and current capability, focusing on the shortfalls of the transition process. It then describes the core set of tools, a demonstration architecture, that span all of the stages of technology insertion with emphasis on the

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advanced stages of the technology transition process: the fixed simulation sites, mobile demonstration and flight demonstration.

Central to the paper is the description of the tool set of demonstration architecture to be hosted in a mobile demonstration system, manned flight simulators, and a combat system test bed aircraft. A baseline hardware set intended for "quick-in, quick-out" aircraft demonstration consists of a high throughput processor interface unit, a "state of the art" color flat panel display compatible with current combat aircraft cockpits, and a 1553 "cockpit bus" connecting the processor, display and technology in demonstration. This quick-in, quick-out core set of tools will minimize the need for dedicated technology demonstration aircraft. Other quick developmental tools address Rapid Prototyping, simulation environment, and crew centered design.

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